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SUMMARY. GOJ EXPORT CONTROLS ON 20 ITEMS END AUGUST 31. A FEW ITEMS REMAIN UNDER RESTRAINT. EXPORTS OF MOST CONTROLLED ITEMS DID NOT REACH QUOTA LEVELS. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE REMOVAL OF CONTROLS WILL HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON EXPORT LEVELS. END SUMMARY.

1. GOJ CABINET ON AUGUST 24 DECIDED TO ALLOW EXPORT CONTROLS ON 20 ITEMS INSTITUTED IN DEC. 1972 (REFTELS) TO EXPIRE AS SCHEDULED ON AUG. 31. BY CABINET ORDER NO. 244 CABINET REMOVED CONTROLS ON ALL 20 ITEMS.

2. CABINET ORDER RETAINED CONTROLS ON CASSETT TAPE RECORDERS TO BE SHIPPED TO BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, IRELAND, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. WHILE THIS ITEM WAS INCLUDED IN ONE OF 20 CONTROLLED ITEMS, AGREEMENT TO LIMIT SHIPMENTS TO EUROPE
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HAD BEEN AGREED TO SEPARATELY ON BILATERAL BASIS. THUS GOJ IS, IN

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THIS CASE, COMPLYING WITH PREVIOUS COMMITMENT. SHIPMENTS TO COUNTRIES LISTED MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL OF MITI MINISTER.

3. CABINET ORDER ALSO CONTINUED CONTROLS ON CAMERAS AND 8MM PROJECTORS DESTINED FOR THE U.S., CANADA, AND HONG KONG. ON AUG. 27 MITI ISSUED NOTIFICATION NO. 405 WHICH STIPULATES THAT DURING THE PERIOD SEPT 1 TO DEC 31, 1973, APPROVAL FOR SHIPMENT OF PORTABLE CAMERAS WITH MORE THAN TWO LENSES AND 8MM PROJECTORS, BODIES OR LENSES, TO THREE DESTINATIONS LISTED WILL ONLY BE APPROVED IF PRODUCT CARRIES SIX-MONTH GUARANTEE OF REPAIR AT DESTINATION. SUCH GUARANTEE MUST PROVIDE REPAIR WITHOUT CHARGE FOR ALL MALFUNCTION NOT DIRECTLY THE RESULT OF MISTREATMENT OF EQUIP-MENT BY PURCHASER.

4. ON AUG 27 MITI MINISTER NAKASONE DISCUSSED WITH PRESS ENDING OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON AUG 31 AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY MITI WOULD USE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE TO PREVENT ANY SHARP RISE IN EXPORTS OF 20 ITEMS BEING FREED FROM CONTROL. MOST OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EXPORTS WILL INCREASE AS RESULT OF END OF CONTROLS. JAPAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURES' ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN SAID HIS ORGANIZATION DID NOT FORESEE ON SHARP INCREASE IN EXPORTS. HE NOTED THAT LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURE REMAIN IN SHORT SUPPLY AND DOMESTIC DEMAND IS HIGH. HE ALSO CITED INCREASED COST OF JAPANESE CARS AS A FACTOR INHIBITING EXPORTS.

5. COMMENT: EMBOFF REQUESTED STATISTICS ON 20 ITEMS INCLUDED UNDER EXPORT CONTROLS. MITI OFFICIALS ASSERTED THAT ALL ITEMS WERE WITHIN CONTROL FIGURES, BUT SAID MITI HAD NOT DEVELOPED FIGURES IN SUPPORT OF THIS STATEMENT.
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